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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you to express my opinion on the Microsoft settlement issue. I feel that this settlement is long overdue. This settlement is both fair and reasonable, and keeping Microsoft together will serve in the best public interest.

Under this agreement, Microsoft must share more information with other companies and give consumers more choices. Microsoft must disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows, as well as software books and codes. Microsoft must also design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software. This will make it easier for companies to compete.

Most importantly, I feel this settlement is beneficial, because it ends three years of litigation. Microsoft's precious resources should go towards more fruitful activities. Thank you for settling with Microsoft.

Sincerely,

*Harvey Herring*  
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